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**1. Mission.** United States Air Forces in Europe Command (USAFE) prepares assigned or attached forces for combat under the United States European Command (USEUCOM). USAFE organizes, trains, and equips its forces for independent, joint, or combined operations in the roles of air control, force application, force enhancement, and force support. This organization is a major command of the United States Air Force.

## **2. Command.** The USAFE Commander:

- 2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force for administration.
- 2.2. Provides forces and exercises OPCON as the Air Force component of the United States European Command.
- 2.3. Exercises command over the following Numbered Air Forces: Third Air Force and Sixteenth Air Force.

## **3. Responsibilities.** The USAFE Commander:

- 3.1. Employs air combat forces in the USEUCOM AOR.
- 3.2. On order, provides air combat forces to other combatant commands.
- 3.3. Provides air component commanders for certain combatant commands.

3.4.	Exercises training an	nd readiness	oversight over	USAFE-gained	US Air Forc	e Reserve	(USAFR)
and A	Air National Guard (	(ANG) units.					

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